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THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



PHOTOS BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
The 56th annual Krewe of Nereids parade rolled on Sunday. The queen toasts Waveland Mayor Jay Tapani.

PARADES KEEP ROLLING THROUGH FAT TUESDAY



PHOTOS BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre, Lisa Cowand, and Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tiffany Cowman attended the Krewe of Kids parade last Saturday.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Krewe of Nereids enjoyed picture-perfect weather on Sunday for its 56th annual Mardi Gras parade in Bay St. Louis and Waveland. “Nereids LVI was a fantastic parade!” Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said. “Both participants and spectators enjoyed the sun-filled day, after worrying all week if the rain would pass through, allowing the parade to roll and start on time. It’s rewarding to look

out and see so many families enjoying Nereids. The parade is an example of the spirit and unity of our community. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of the parade.” The weather was a bit more overcast on Saturday, but the Krewe of Kids still enjoyed its 45th annual parade on Dunbar Av-

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MARCH OF MAYORS FOOD DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

ECHO STAFF



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Diamondhead are participating in the annaul March of the Mayors food drive.

Extra Table’s annual March of the Mayors food drive is now underway. According to Extra Table, the “12 mayors across the coast region have agreed to participate in Extra Table’s event, March of the Mayors. It’s a canned food drive, a fundraiser and it’s Mississippi’s largest food box packing party complete with Moon Pies, Mardi Gras beads, volunteers and an event T-shirt all rolled into

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Bay High gets new principal

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The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Board of Education has announced the appointment of Warren Eyster as the new principal of Bay High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. This decision was approved during Monday’s school board meeting following the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed. “With a plethora of experience and expertise in various leadership capacities within the education sector, Mr. Eyster enters his new role equipped to drive positive



Warren Eyster

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Runoff vote scheduled for DH Ward 4 race

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The city of Diamondhead’s special election for Ward 4 councilman on Tuesday ended with no clear winner — candidates Brigitte B. Becker and Austin Clark will face each other again in a runoff election scheduled for Feb. 20.

Becker and Clark competed Tuesday with fellow candidates James A. Marble and Peter Yanez for the seat vacated last year by Clark’s father, Chuck Clark, who was elected to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

A total of 338 ballots were cast in Tuesday’s election. Becker garnered 120 votes; Clark, 111; Marble, 29; and Yanez, 77. Diamondhead City Clerk Jeannie Klein said there were 26 absentee ballots, all of



Brigitte Becker



Austin Clark

which were counted Tuesday evening; and seven voter ID affidavit ballots, which won’t be official until next week, but won’t alter the election results either way. Polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Diamondhead Community Center for the runoff.



Today
63°

Low Temperature 52°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 81%
High Tide
10:52 pm @ 1.77 ft
Low Tide
09:31 am @ -0.82 ft



Feb. 9
66°

Low Temperature 60°F
89% Chance of Rain
Humidity 91%
High Tide
11:41 pm @ 1.61 ft
Low Tide
10:23 am @ -0.66 ft



Feb. 10
68°

Low Temperature 61°F
79% Chance of Rain
Humidity 91%
High Tide

Low Tide
11:09 am @ -0.43 ft



Feb. 11
69°

Low Temperature 62°F
88% Chance of Rain
Humidity 85%
High Tide
12:27 am @ 1.31 ft
Low Tide
11:43 am @ -0.1 ft



Feb. 12
63°

Low Temperature 56°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 71%
High Tide
01:07 am @ 0.95 ft
Low Tide
11:25 am @ 0.3 ft



Feb. 13
50°

Low Temperature 49°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 92%
High Tide
12:41 am @ 0.56 ft
Low Tide
03:56 pm @ 0.72 ft



Feb. 14
59°

Low Temperature 45°F
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BOATERS ENJOY A WONDERFUL WORLD



Photo submitted
King Jerry Gillen and Queen Phil Gillen are surrounded by their royal court. To the left of Queen Phil are Maid Dori Cantrelle, Mail Renee Riso and Lady-in-Waiting Gail Hutchings. To the right of King Jerry are Equerry John Hutchings, Duke David Riso and Duke Norman Cantrelle.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Members and guests of the Diamondhead Boaters Association enjoyed the 2024 Mardi Gras Ball on January 27 under the theme “What a Wonderful World.” The evening’s dance music was furnished by Razoo with program effects from music director Ron Talent.

Commodore Jim Miller welcomed attendees and opened the tableau with a history of the Boaters Association and the Krewe of Kamehameha which were founded in 1976. Miller turned over the program to the Master of Ceremonies, Ron Rech, who entered the ballroom to Elvis Presley’s version of “Wonderful World.”

Rech expanded on the theme by reminding the crowd that too many people take the world for

granted and should stop to appreciate nature’s glory, whether in a sunrise, a sunset or snow on a mountaintop. Even a thunderstorm eventually ends, and a colorful rainbow turns the earth into a beautiful world once more, reminding us that troubles are only temporary.

Rech introduced visiting royalty from the Krewe of Diamondhead, King Ali’i Honura Jeremy Damiens and his Queen Meg Damiens and from the Krewe of Selene, Queen Selene, Kim Koppman, and King Endymius, Steve Koppman. The MC called attention to the recent passing of 2003 King Akua Kai the 29th Jim Frisina then recognized former kings and queens in attendance as well as recipients of the Royal Dolphin Award, individuals who have performed signifi-

cant service in their years as Boaters members.

Rech then introduced members of the Royal Court: Maid Dori Cantrelle and Duke Norman Cantrelle entered with “Trees” sung by Patti Page; Maid Renee Riso and Duke David Riso entered with “La vie en Rose” sung by Edith Piaf; and Lady in Waiting Gail Hutchings and Equerry John Hutchings entered with “Blue Skies” sung by Willie Nelson.

A fanfare preceded the introduction of the royal couple, his royal highness King Akua Kai the 48th, Jerry Gillen, and her royal majesty, Queen Phil Gillen, who entered to the traditional theme “If Ever I Cease to Love.” The King wore white tails and the Queen a beautiful champagne gown with rhinestone beading and cap sleeves. King Jerry read his royal

proclamation followed by the royal toasts offered to the King, Queen and Court.

King Akua Kai 47th Ronnie LaFontaine offered a toast to the King and Queen on behalf of the Krewe of Kamehameha, followed by King Jerry’s toasts to his Queen, past King Ronnie and Queen Elaine LaFontaine.

King Jerry honored Queen Phil with the first dance of the evening, to the music of Louis Armstrong’s version of “What a Wonderful World.” The royal couple invited their court to join the dance, followed by past royalty of the Krewe of Kamehameha.

After the royal dance, the tableau began with Marilyn Lott’s touching solo of “Blue Moon” followed by the very graceful Selene Dancers. Mary Mizell, Leslie O’Neill, Lou Ann Cox, Jenny Ramirez and June Curtin danced to “All Over the World,” choreographed by Mary Mizell. Don Thibodaux returned to the ball’s theme as he sang “What a Wonderful World.”

King Jerry and Queen Phil requested that everyone follow them on the dance floor in the old Mardi Gras tradition, the Second Line. Dining and

dancing followed complementing the festive atmosphere.

Karen Bryant and her ball committee set the proper mood of a wonderful world. Linda Theobald utilized her creative genius to decorate the tables with silk overlays in a world map design. Centerpieces of glass garden globes suggesting the earth sat atop clear glass cylinders filled with green and

blue netting which illuminated the cylinder and globe. The colors and design contrasted nicely with white chair covers and aqua bows around the back.

Once again, special recognition goes to Vice Commodore Paula Gonzalez for assisting the committee in creating another “Wonderful World” for the Diamondhead Boaters Association members and guests.

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Kaley Hudson, Biloxi Junior High School; Georgeanne Kinney, Hancock Middle School; Vanessa A. McKee, Ocean Springs Upper Elementary School; Dr. Shelby Miller, Singing River Academy; Dr. Heather Montgomery, Cherokee Elementary School; Debbie Anglada Powell, Popps Ferry Elementary School; Stephanie Stanley, Lyman Elementary School; Cindy Desire Steven-Pheal, Oak Grove Middle School; Jillian Strong, Hancock

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FEBRUARY'S HOTPOTS

In A Pinch Gifts

112 S. Second St.
(Third Floor of Century Hall)
636-875-0545
Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 11am-3pm

Residing on the third floor of the charming and historic Century Hall at 112 S. Second St., In A Pinch Gifts emerges as a sanctuary of artistic flair and eclectic treasures in Bay St. Louis. This boutique, lovingly curated by Tina Coffey, is more than just a gift shop; it's a gallery of creativity and a testament to Coffey's lifelong journey with art.

A Bay St. Louis native, Coffey's story is woven into every corner of In A Pinch Gifts. After living across the country and settling in Dallas, her connection to Bay St. Louis remains unbroken. "I've always found my way back to the Bay," Coffey shares, echoing her strong ties to her hometown. Her vision for the shop is deeply personal, "My goal is to really grow my art business, and Century Hall has been a nurturing ground for that."

Marking her fourth year at Century Hall, Coffey's commitment to uniqueness is clear. "I seek out items that you won't find in any other local shop. It's important for me to continually offer something new and unexpected to my customers," she explains. This philosophy has made In A Pinch Gifts a treasure trove of distinct gifts, ranging from candles, diffusers, skincare, home decor, and stationery to clothing, jewelry, and religious items. But the crown jewel of the store is Coffey's own artwork, which she is keen to showcase.

This Second Saturday, February 10th, In A Pinch Gifts is set to offer a delightful experience for visitors. From 10 AM to 2 PM, customers can indulge in hot chocolate and king cake, adding a sweet touch to their shopping. But the excitement doesn't end there. Coffey announces, "For every \$10 spent, customers will receive an entry to win an original piece of my art," making it not just a shopping trip but a chance to own a unique piece of local artistry.

Adding to the day's charm, DJ Doug Funnie from Good Earth Records will set the mood with his tunes from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, ensuring a vibrant and engaging atmosphere.

In A Pinch Gifts stands out as a beacon of artistic expression and

unique finds. It's a place where Coffey's artistry and her keen eye for the extraordinary come together, offering visitors a chance to take home something truly special. This Second Saturday, step into In A Pinch Gifts not just for shopping, but for an experience that celebrates the art, culture, and heart of Bay St. Louis.

Shoe Boutique

131-E Main St.
228-467-7750
Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm
Sun: 11am-4pm

Shoe Boutique, located at 131-E Main St., in Old Town Bay St. Louis, is a fashion lover's paradise, offering a delightful mix of style, history, and community spirit. As the city gears up for the Second Saturday on February 10th, Shoe Boutique is preparing to dazzle its customers with exclusive deals, a festive atmosphere, and a unique story of resilience and passion.

Owned by Jana Lumpkin, Shoe Boutique is not just a store but a testament to the legacy of Miss Joyce Whitfield, who ran it for over 35+ years before passing the torch to Lumpkin in September of 2020. "I took it and stepped up a little bit, tried to get more of a variety of things," Lumpkin shares, reflecting her commitment to catering to a diverse clientele. This year, Shoe Boutique proudly celebrates its 40th anniversary, marking four decades of fashion, community, and enduring elegance.

For this Second Saturday, Lumpkin is rolling out the red carpet for shoppers. From 3 to 7 PM, visitors can enjoy a sumptuous spread of charcuterie and champagne, accompanied by tunes from a DJ. Shoe Boutique will also be celebrating their HotSpot status with a generous 30% off all boots and a 10% discount storewide, with a special emphasis on the already significantly marked-down sale section.

Shoe Boutique's range of products is as eclectic as its owner's journey. From the top-selling Zee Alexis shoes to the newly introduced NAOT brand, Lumpkin ensures there's something for every taste. The store also features other big names like Volatile and Lemon Jelly, along with the dazzling Betsy Johnson bling collection.

It's not just about shoes, though. Lumpkin has carefully curated a selection of accessories, including the trendy Jimmy Crystal glasses and versatile Ilsa Jacobson purses. Her commitment to variety extends to supporting local artists, such as Liz Schaefer, whose artistic tennis shoes add a unique flair to the boutique's offerings.

Lumpkin's personal touch is evident in every aspect of Shoe Boutique. Her dedication to keeping the legacy of Miss Joyce Whitfield alive, coupled with her own flair for business and fashion, makes the boutique a beacon of inspiration in Bay St. Louis.

This Second Saturday, step into Shoe Boutique for an experience that goes beyond shopping. It's a celebration of fashion, history, and community, all wrapped up in the welcoming ambiance of Jana Lumpkin's dream. With discounts, music, and a chance to explore a wide range of stylish offerings, Shoe Boutique is the place to be for anyone looking to add a touch of glamor to their wardrobe.

Murky Waters

126 Main St.
228-242-4505
Sun-Wed: 11am-9pm,
Thurs-Sat: 11am-10pm

Located at 126 Main Street in the vibrant heart of Old Town Bay St. Louis, Murky Waters is set to elevate this Second Saturday, February 10th, into an unforgettable blend of culinary delights and soulful tunes. Known for its tantalizing barbecue and blues legacy, Murky Waters invites locals and visitors alike



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Murky Waters



PHOTO BY MCKENZIE NORTHINGTON

In a Pinch Gifts

to immerse in a celebration of taste and music.

Manager Tori Nieto unveils an exciting lineup for the day, featuring the talented Pontchartrain Shakers to serenade guests from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Their music promises to complement the rich, smoky flavors of Murky Waters' signature dishes, creating an ambiance not to be missed.

However, the melody and menu are just the beginning. Murky Waters is hosting a special drawing that's sure to spark interest: a raffle for a Murky Mardi Gras themed basket. "Anyone who dines or drinks with us that day could enter the raffle," Nieto explains. Valued at \$200, this basket is poised to be a coveted prize, encapsulating the spirit of Mardi Gras with Murky Waters' unique flair.

Weekly Wing Wednesdays will continue to delight with 65-cent wings, alongside beer specials and margaritas

starting at 4 PM. The anticipation also builds for a new cocktail menu, showcasing last year's bestsellers, ready to be enjoyed year-round. Furthermore, Murky Waters is introducing monthly food specials, promising new savory experiences with each visit.

Murky Waters' reputation for exclusive whiskey selections will be enhanced with offerings like Blanton's and Weller, alongside innovative takes on the classic old fashioned, including a smoked cinnamon variant that has been a hit among patrons.

The cornerstone of Murky Waters' appeal, however, remains its barbecue. The pork sandwich and smoked wings stand out as fan

favorites, reflecting the meticulous care in their preparation, smoked with local pecan wood for unparalleled flavor.

As Second Saturday approaches, Murky Waters is more than just a dining destination; it's a cultural experience. With Pontchartrain Shakers' tunes setting the scene, delicious specials on offer, and the chance to win a Mardi Gras themed basket, Murky Waters is the place to be in Bay St. Louis. Whether you're a barbecue aficionado, a music lover, or simply in search of a memorable night out, Murky Waters promises an experience that captures the essence of Bay St. Louis's vibrant community spirit.



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A Legend

“There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man’s fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call the Twilight Zone.”

Rod Serling’s television show “The Twilight Zone” has always been synonymous with New Year’s Eve, mind-bending and thought-provoking scenarios, my father, and my father’s dear friend and former co-worker Millie.

Every year, for as long as I can remember, she would call our house to make sure we had the classic series on the televisions during the New Year’s Eve marathon.

Admittedly, it is hard to choose a favorite episode, but one of my all-time favorites is “The Masks.” It’s about a wealthy father who is dying and invites his greedy family members to a Mardi Gras party where he insists they wear masks designed specifically for each of his heirs who are just waiting for him to die so they can inherit his wealth.

When I was about 18 years old, I was preparing to take my first ride on an airplane with my little cousin. My dad and Millie thought it would be fun for us to watch “Nightmare at 20,000 Feet,” the William Shatner episode which features a creature on the wing of the plane. Needless to say, we were a little worried about flying after that.

Even though the episodes with dummies, dolls, and robots freak me out, none has scared me more than “Time Enough at Last.” Burgess Meredith’s character survives an H-bomb attack and finds that he finally has enough time to read his books, only to break his glasses. As someone who is severely vision-impaired, breaking one’s glasses is most certainly the stuff of nightmares.

Recently, while I wait for the newest documentary to drop, I’ve been rewatching some of the episodes. I finally mustered the courage to watch the “Talking Tina” episode, which was actually quite satisfying.

The episode where Burgess Meredith plays the devil and makes a deal with a newspaper man is also top-notch.

I could go on and on about this magnificent series.

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STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Old Spanish Trail

A hundred years ago, there were not many automobiles or any US highways in Hancock County. Nevertheless, the “movers and shakers” who resided on the Gulf Coast in that era were forward-thinking and decided to build the necessary infrastructure of roads and bridges. Associations of such citizens generated support for a plan to build a new highway along the Gulf Coast from Mobile to New Orleans. The Alabama-Gulf Coast Highway Association created in 1915 dubbed this projected road “The Old Spanish Trail.” This misnomer was a brilliant advertising gimmick and one that was extremely successful.

The “Old Spanish Trail” became a national mission to connect the Atlantic Ocean Coast (St Augustine, FL.) to the Pacific Ocean Coast (San Diego, CA.) It was envisioned that a through highway, with no ferry delays at major waterways, would be a much-appreciated catalyst for increased travel by automobiles. Consequently, resort beach destinations on the Gulf Coast would at-

tract many more tourists, which would bring much needed prosperity and diversity to a sagging local economy.

It is true that in the 1600’s Spain built a commercial network of roads and trails that spanned across Mexico and the present-day region of Southwest United States. Supplies and cargo were transported on long mule trains that reached as far north as San Francisco. A famous north-south trail from Mexico City to San Francisco was called the “El Camino Real (The King’s Highway).” However, there was never a similar east-west Spanish trail that went from San Diego, CA. to Florida. There were just too many rivers and waterways to cross to make such a road possible. Transportation of passengers and cargo from west to east was carried on sailing ships.

The Old Spanish Trail passed through the municipalities of Pensacola, Gautier, Ocean Springs, Mississippi City, Gulfport, Long Beach, Pass Christian, and Bay St. Louis. Mississippi cities graded many roads on the beach in their locale. The coastal counties of

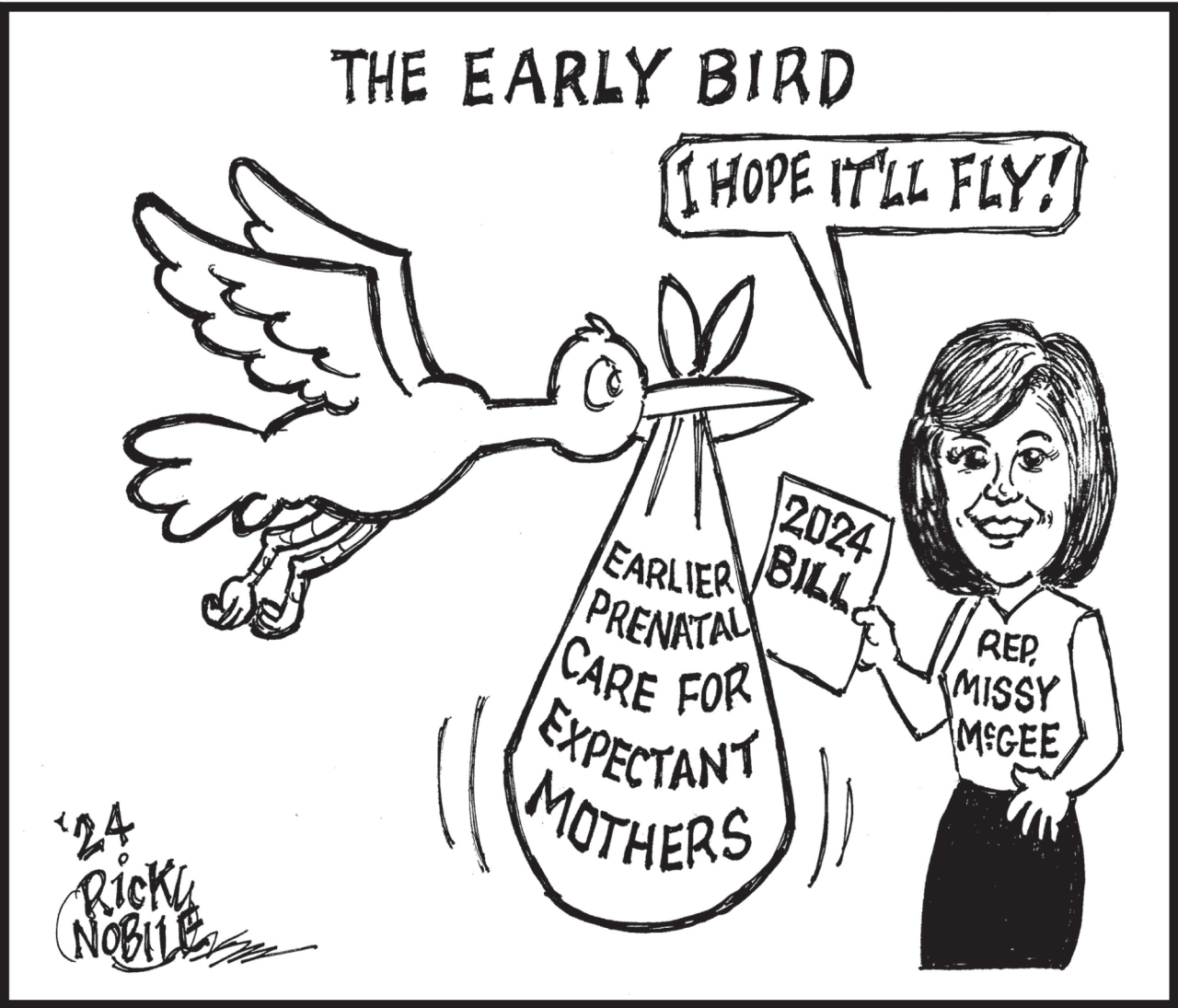
Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock passed bond initiatives to complete construction. In 1925, the Old Spanish Trail was incorporated into US Highway 90. By 1928, the roadbed between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis alternated among shell, gravel, and dirt constituencies. The swamp and water barriers were breached for the first time in history by this road for automobiles. In this same year the wooden bridge over the Bay of St. Louis opened. In 1930, a steel bridge at the Rigolets and another at the Chef Menteur were completed by Governor Huey Long. Long built these bridges because he was angry that the newly constructed five-mile Watson-Williams Bridge between New Orleans and Slidell had a toll of \$1.35 for a car and an extra 10 cents per passenger.

The impact of the Old Spanish Trail and later the I-10 Interstate Highway was significant for the State of Mississippi. In 1900, there was only one automobile in the state with a population of 1,551,270. In 2003, the State Department of Motor Vehicles report-



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BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

ed 2,412,357 motor vehicles and a population of 2,412,357. The Old Spanish Trail is a prime example of the value to a county of financing the building of infrastructure in a capitalistic economy to promote growth and prosperity. A viable local economy requires population growth, infrastructure, and construction. If the reader wishes more information about the Old Spanish Trail, an excellent pamphlet was published in 2003 by the distinguished Mississippi historian, Charles L. Sullivan, entitled Building the Old Spanish Trail. Sullivan reported that “The Old Spanish Trail” was not very old, not Spanish, and was never a trail.”



ARBOR DAY IN THE BAY

Guest Column
By Anita Warner

Arbor Day means tree day. Arbor is the Latin word for tree. Arbor Day started in 1872, and it was nationally recognized in 1972. Arbor Day is celebrated by planting trees as a way to sustainably protect our planet’s natural resources and as a gift for future generations. It is typically observed the last Friday in April, but here in Mississippi, because of our climate, we celebrate on the second Friday in February. This year we will celebrate on February 9. The winter is prime time

to install new trees and shrubs so that they can become established before the heat and humidity of our summers.

The Bay Waveland Garden club annually installs a tree in a prominent location around town.

This year the Garden Club partnered with the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce to publicize and celebrate Arbor Day. Katharine Ohman, chair of the Chamber Beautification Committee, obtained 15 gallon specimen live oaks and crepe myrtles as a donation from Don Batson of GreenForest

Nursery. The trees in turn were given to various nonprofits around town including Christ Episcopal Church, Main Street Methodist, Our Lady of the Gulf, Gulfside Assembly, Saint Augustine, Clermont Harbor and Saint Stanislaus. Anita Warner, chair of the

Arbor Day committee, organized the event held on February 9, where a live oak was installed in the front yard of Main Street Methodist in the heart of downtown, just across from the Hancock County Courthouse and next to the Hancock County Historical Society.

The Bay Waveland Garden Club and the Hancock County Historical Society maintain the Live Oak Tree Registry. Their mission is to register live oak trees that are one hundred years’ old or older within Hancock County. In addition it is the intention to protect and conserve these natural resources that promote historical events, aesthetic value, and environmental significance. The project operates in conjunction with the Societe’ des Arbres, the state tree registry. The Hancock County Live Oak Registry chair is Anita Warner.

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Donald J. Schwartz, Jr., 32, contempt of court failure to appear; probation violation
Sheila R. George, 37, contempt of court failure to appear
Blanca L. Hitchcock, 59, DUI
Jerry W. Kitchens, Sr., 57, felony possession of controlled substance; tampering with physical evidence; contempt of court failure to appear
Bryson J. Compton, 29, felony possession of controlled substance x 2; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Jarrett R. Scaife, 24, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Kiesten I. Davis, 21,, disorderly conduct
Joshua P. Rollins, 31, simple domestic violence simple assault; parole violation
Dwan D. Parnell, 37, contempt failure to appear
Robert C. Corkern, 41, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Brittany L. Fox, 33, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Tomiko L. Matthews, 45, hold for other agency
Holly N. Stringer, 38, parole violation
Taye T. Dufrene, 24,

probation violation
Tashauna U. Patmon, 34, controlled substance trafficking; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Andre J. Barbazon, 30, embezzlement
Devon J. Duffy, 28, child: contributing to delinquency / neglect of a child; contempt failure to appear
Raymond K. Achelles, 31, drunkenness/profanity in public place; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Amanda K. Guill, 43, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; contempt failure to comply x 3; contempt failure to appear
Charles B. Bates, 25, controlled substance: trafficking
Douglas W. Bourgeois, Sr., 52, forgery
Brian L. Jenkins, 35, probation violation
Lawrence V. Dahl, 51, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Guy S. Lege, 60, contempt of court failure to appear
Aaron S. Price, 27, no drivers license or expired; careless driving; DUI 1st offense; motor vehicle no insurance
Andrew J. Roberts, Jr., 30, motor vehicle leaving scene of accident involving only vehicular; DUI 1st offense
Janice L. Dysart, 65, contempt of court failure to appear
George A. Jones, 38, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle
Sunni Mitchell, 46,

possession of paraphernalia; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Jason T. Smith, 40, contempt of court failure to appear
Jacob D. Hux, 41, contempt of court failure to appear
Clark H. Sandt, 67, contempt of court failure to appear
Dalton T. Byrd, 27, simple assault; trespass
Kenneth L. Terry, 59, possession of weapon by felon; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Yancey S. Mayfield, 24, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Angela M. Slocum, 34, tampering with physical evidence
Joseph M. Johnson, 42, tampering with physical evidence; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; bond revoked
Logan V. Levy, 35, contempt failure to appear
Richard Schwartz, Jr., 35, parole violation; felony possession of controlled substance; contempt failure to appear
James C. Kotsakos, Jr., 55, probation violation
Toi C. Tynes, 34, probation violation
Neil J. Bourn, 45, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Michael D. Parham, 51, forgery; felony possession of controlled substance; tampering with physical evidence

Andrew A. Overall, 35, contempt failure to comply
Richard S. Howard, 60, careless driving; DUI 1st offense
Mark J. Necaise, 56, contempt of court failure to appear
Brenda G. Ruffin, 60, back for court/court order
Arick C. Poupart, 27, DUI 1st offense; no drivers license or expired; disorderly conduct; no proof of liability insurance; reckless driving; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest; simple assault on policeman or fireman or school official
Charles C. Pogue, 42, suspended license
Irie P. Phillips, 54, careless driving; suspended license
John A. Heidel, 42, (lamps on bicycles) required lighting equipment
David M. Boggs, 51, contempt failure to appear
Raven Nolen, 18, DUI 1st offense; simple assault
Edmend A. Banks, 28, disorderly conduct
Kelroy S. Price, Jr., 32, disorderly conduct
Jacob D. Blakely, 27, child contributing to delinquency/neglect of a child; careless driving; evasion, failure to stop a motor vehicle; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest
Miranda L. Wood, 42, contempt of court failure to appear
Dorothy N. Cook, 53, disorderly conduct
John D. Luxich, 53, contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher J. Schwalbauch, 40, possession of paraphernalia

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enue in Bay St. Louis.
“We just really appreciate everyone coming out today for a great time,” krewe Captain Lisa Cowand said Saturday. “And we appreciate the seniors of Dunbar Village for coming out to cheer us on. ... We had a great time. It’s always fun to toast the elders.”
This year’s Krewe of Kids royals were Queen Audrey Ladner and King Charles “Charlie” Smith. Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tiffany Lee Cowman served as this year’s grand marshal.
Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre toasted both the Krewe of Kids royalty and the Dunbar Village royals, and read a proclamation naming Saturday as “Krewe of Kids Day” in the Bay.
The Mardi Gras fun is scheduled to continue through next Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day.
On Friday, Holy Trinity Catholic School will host its annual “Krewe of Knights” parade at

9:30 a.m. in Old Town Bay St. Louis, with a visit from the Krewe of Nereids royal court.
Then on Saturday, Feb. 10, the Krewe of Diamondhead will host its 49th annual parade, led by Ali’l Ho Nua the 49th Jeremy Damiens and Mō’iwahine, Meg Damiens.
The St. Paul Carnival Association will host its 94th annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 11, beginning at noon. The parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St. Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue.
This year’s royalty includes King Christian XCIV Kirk Kimball, and Queen Christiana 2024 Lindsey Rogers Fowler. The St. Paul Carnival Association is one of the oldest Mardi Gras krewes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, forming in 1930.
On Monday, Feb. 12, the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its 10th annual Lundi Gras parade, with special celebrity grand marshals Chapel Hart. The parade is

scheduled to roll at 5:30 p.m.
The krewe’s royalty this year includes Captain Longbeard IV, Chuck Lizana and Lady Claiborne IV, Brenda Comer.
The Raw Oyster Marching Club will be also be performing as a walking group along with approximately 90 pirate and coastal theme decorated golf carts. Parade goers are encouraged to wear pirate or Mardi Gras attire in support of the krewe rolling through Old Town Bay St. Louis.
Finally on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Krewe of Real People: The Next Generation will host their annual Mardi Gras parade in downtown Bay St. Louis.
The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Necaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaize to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Bookter Street.
The krewe will host its annual Mardi Gras ball on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.

• LEGEND

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Last week, Millie passed away. She worked with my dad at NAVO and NRL out at Stennis Space Center for years until her retirement.
There was a core group of people out there who have known me since I was in diapers. It truly felt like a family. I remember many days spent out there eating lunch with some of them. They could always be counted on to purchase Girl Scout cookies from me, as well.
When I started working at the Picayune Item newspaper, I had a small fanbase already, given how

many of them lived in the Pearl River County area.
When I was older, my dad, Millie and I would go to the movies in Waveland on Sundays. She would also go see the newest Quentin Tarantino movies with us at the theater.
She celebrated life’s milestones with us which included, graduations from high school and college, new job opportunities, weddings, the birth of my nephew, daddy’s kidney transplant, etc.
She was so proud of her family and her Facebook posts were always filled with moments spent with her adorable grandchildren.
Her passing has left an ache in my heart.
There’s just something special about that crew my dad worked

with when I was younger. I had a bonus squad of super smart and funny “aunts” and “uncles.”
Even in the past few years, I’ve gotten to know several of his other co-workers, who have become friends, as well. Daddy was lucky to have found such cool people to work with and I’m glad I get to share in that, as well.
“As long as they talk about you, you’re not really dead, as long as they speak your name, you continue. A legend doesn’t die, just because the man dies.” — Rod Serling.
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Obituaries

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• MILDRED LILLIAN LING

• VERNA EDITH DAVID KING MARTINEZ

• DR. MICHAEL LOUIS NEEB

Mildred Lillian Ling

Mildred Lillian Ling passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024. She was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 15, 1946. She was 77 years old. She is survived by her loving son, James Shields and his wife, Laurie and grandchildren, Elliot, Lilly, & Jonah. Also by Donna Shields Midyette (John), grandchildren Lauren & Michael; Stephanie Shields Provenza and grandchildren Tony & Joey; Steve Shields (Lisa), and grandchildren Kristina, Austin, & Amanda; and cousin Billy Ling (Linda). She was preceded in death by her parents Ezelda Ledoux Hahn Ling and Eugene Sohm Ling; and sister Ezelda Jeanie Ling Curtin.

During a move to Corpus Christi, Texas, following her father's death in 1948, Millie's mother Ezelda stopped for the night in Bay St. Louis, Ms., where she was convinced by the hotel porter to stay for a few more days because "it was a great place to live and raise children."

They never left. Millie's affinity for math and the sciences led her to get a degree in math from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio in 1968, where she also minored in chemistry.

First approached by the FBI during her senior year of college for a job as a chemist, Millie decided coding computers

with the National Security Agency was a better fit. She worked there for five years before getting married in 1972. She moved back to her beloved hometown on the Gulf Coast in 1984 where she lived between the bay and Bass Lagoon (yes, a lagoon, she looked it up!)

After coming back to Bay St. Louis without a job, she was recruited by her sister Jeanie to help run poker games out of her house, helping to cook, clean, and serve the players. (this was before the casinos arrived). There she also met one of the players, Larry McDonough, who would become a dear companion for nearly 25 years, until his passing in 2008.

In 1985, she got a job working with computers at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi. From there, she transferred to the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) at Stennis Space Center, then to the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVO), also at Stennis. She made many lifelong friends while working at Stennis. Hurricane Katrina and retirement brought her to Mandeville to be closer to her son and family. Her fondness for the Gulf Coast spanned her whole life, with plans to return recently taking shape.

Millie loved being known as Grandma Ding-a-Ling. When Millie wasn't supporting her grandchildren (and eating nachos) at sports events, school functions, and dance recitals, she



would often pepper them with Jeopardy questions by text. Millie also enjoyed meeting friends at the Mississippi casinos, watching science fiction movies and television (especially the New Year's Eve Twilight Zone marathons on TV), or bringing her infamous deviled eggs or fudge to social functions.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Millie may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Relatives and friends celebrated Mildred's life at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Avenue, Covington Louisiana on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from noon - 2 p.m.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The Ling family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfielding-fh.com.

Verna Edith David King Martinez

Verna Edith David King Martinez, 95, of Waveland, MS passed away Monday, January 29, 2024 in Waveland, MS.

She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, MS. Mrs. Martinez grew up in Louisiana. She was a musician, singer, and lead guitarist for over 70 years. She also wrote music and shared it with friends and family members. She was an artist focusing mostly on wildlife, was an avid doll collector, collecting over 100 dolls. Many of the dolls she painted, strung, and created clothes for them herself. Most importantly she was a person of deep faith and at-

tended church regularly until she was too sick to do so. Mrs. Martinez will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl King; second husband, Henry Martinez; parents, Lodias Paul & Daisy Trosclair David, Sr; sisters, Estelle Barras, Heloise Broussard, and Lillian Newman Arnold; and brothers, Numa David and Lodias P. David, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen King; nieces & nephews, Charlotte Sterling (Larry), Delores Turner, June Kepler, Eddie Barras, Philip Barras, Marie Hugget, and Arnold Newman.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at St. Clare Catholic Church from 10:00



a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Entombment will be at Garden of Memories Cemetery: 4899 Airline Drive Metairie, LA 70000 at 1:30 p.m. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is honored to serve the family of Verna Edith David King Martinez.

demonstrated a profound passion for education and an unwavering commitment to providing students with enriching educational experiences," according to the district release. "The entire Bay-Waveland School District eagerly anticipates the positive impact Mr. Eyster will undoubtedly bring to the Bay High School community.

"I am deeply honored to assume the role of Principal at Bay High School," Eyster said. "I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to collaborate with our dedicated teachers and staff, as together, we strive to profoundly influence the lives of our students for the better."

Eyster will take over from interim-Principal Zach Ferry, who has served in the role since former Principal Amy Coyne Necaise resigned last year.

Dr. Michael Louis Neeb

Dr. Michael Louis Neeb, 36, of Metairie, LA, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at his home in Philadelphia, PA, from acute pancreatitis.

Michael attended St. Stanislaus College, Lutheran High School, Temple University, and Temple School of Podiatric Medicine. He was set to begin his residency at Roxborough Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, this summer.

A fervent advocate and lover of nature and permaculture, Michael poured every available moment into his passions: fishing, hiking, gardening, building, and camping. Distinguished by his humor, joyfulness, and ever-present curiosity, Michael was a perpetual learner who consistently broadened his knowledge and horizons. He lived life fully and

authentically, marching to the beat of his drum, a deeply admirable quality. His love for his family was immense, with a special place in his heart for his new nieces and a lifelong bond with his brother, Matt. Michael's life made a lasting impact, remembered for his extraordinary empathy, intellectual prowess, and deep concern for the well-being of our planet and humanity.

Predeceased by his father, David L. Neeb, and survived by his mother, Gloria Anne Neeb, brother Matthew S. Neeb (Emma), and nieces Katherine S. Neeb and Annie V. Neeb. He also leaves behind his aunts and uncles, Phil R Neeb (Karina), Phillis Neeb Lightell (Ray), Adrienne A LaCour, Angelique M LaCour, Louis C LaCour, Valery J LaCour, Jena D LaCour, great aunts Betty Neeb, Laura C Murphy, and Blanche M Comiskey, and cousins



ins Alyce Ittmann, Emily Vernon, Louis C LaCour Jr., Lauren Lastrapes (Jeremy), Mark Lastrapes, Katie D'Aunoy (Dalton), Timothy Lightell, James Lightell, Amy Lightell Tamplain (Kerry), James Ittmann, and Emelia Tamplain. He will be sadly missed.

Funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 3937 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119, on Saturday, February 17th, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. and service to follow at 2 p.m.

New Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Any Mississippian who has yet to register to vote must register by Monday, February 12, in order to vote in the 2024 Primary Election. Races on the March 12, ballot include offices of President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Representative.

To register, applicants may: register in-person at their county circuit clerk's office by February 12

mail-in new voter registration application with a postmark of February 12

Circuit clerk offices will be open on Saturday, February 10, from 8:00 a.m. to noon for in-person registration. Indi-

vidual circuit clerk information may be found on My Election Day by entering a physical address.

Voters who have not yet reached the age of 18 at the time of the March Primary Election may vote in the Primary Election so long as he/she will reach the age of 18 on before the date of the 2024 General Election.

To verify voter registration status or update voter registration information, Mississippians may utilize YallVote.ms.

For questions, call the Elections Division at (800) 829-6786, email ElectionsAnswers@sos.ms.gov, or visit YallVote.ms.

Bay man struck and killed on Hwy. 603

ECHO STAFF

The Mississippi Highway Patrol is investigating the death of a Bay St. Louis man who was struck by a car while walking across Hwy. 603 on Saturday morning.

At approximately 6 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, "the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a fatal crash on Hwy. 603 in Hancock County involving a pedestrian," according to a press release issued Monday by Cpl. Cal Robertson, public affairs officer for MHP Troop K.

"A 2018 Honda Civic driven by 22-year-old Hallie Caster of Picayune was traveling south on Hwy. 603 when

the vehicle collided with 31-year-old Michael Lewis Roberts, of Bay St. Louis, who was crossing Hwy. 603 at Kiln DeLisle Road," Robertson said. "Michael Lewis received fatal injuries from the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene."

Roberts' friend Austin Pullens said Roberts saved his life that night. They and a friend were crossing the road when the car came towards them and Roberts shoved his friends to safety.

"Mike was the best man I've ever known," Pullens said. "He put others before himself, that's all he's done since the day I've known him, and I'll never forget that."

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change and foster academic excellence," according to a school district press release. "His unwavering dedication to cultivating a nurturing learning environment perfectly aligns with the district's overarching mission and core values."

"I am delighted to welcome Mr. Eyster as the leader of BHS for the upcoming school year," Reed said. "His exceptional track record of academic growth and achievement in previous principal roles speaks volumes. I have every confidence that his well-rounded approach will elevate BHS to unprecedented heights of success."

"Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Eyster has consistently

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one jazzy second line with a mission to feed hungry Mississippians!"

The city of Bay St. Louis is collecting one pound bags of beans, which can be donated at city hall, located at 688 Hwy. 90.

The city of Diamondhead is collecting 15 ounce cans of soup. Donations can be dropped off at East Hancock Library, 4545 Shepherd Square; the Club at Diamondhead, 7600 Coun-

try Club Dr.; Diamondhead Fire District, 4440 Kalani Dr.; Rouses #47, 4407 East Aloha Dr.; Hancock Chamber Office, 300 South Second Street, Bay St. Louis; and Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Drive East.

The city of Waveland is collecting one pound bags of rice. Donations can be dropped off at city hall, 301 Coleman Ave.; Ground Zero Museum, 335 Coleman Ave.; and the Waveland Fire Department, 427 Hwy. 90.

The donations benefit local pantries along the coast including Back-

pack Buddies, Extend a Hand Help a Friend; Long Beach Food Pantry; Lord is my Help, Our Daily Bread Catholic charities; Hancock County Food Pantry; Christian Concern Ministry Food Pantry/ Our Mother of Mercy Church; FUMC in Gautier; King's Kitchen; Back Bay Mission, St. John the Evangelist Church, and several other feeding partners.

Donations will be accepted Feb. 1 to March 1.

For more information, visit www.extratable.org or call 601-264-0672.

Gallery 220 announces provocative fun event: “Light up the Bay”

BY JAMES KEATING MD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Gallery 220 is the iconic art gallery located on the corner of 220 Main Street and Toulme Street in Old Town Bay St. Louis -two blocks from the beach. Gallery 220 provides support to the local arts community and encourages the artist spirit. “LIGHT UP THE BAY” is a special fundraiser to honor four of our former, recently deceased artists/members: Mark Buszkiewicz, Regan Carney, Gwen Impson, and Pamela Yoder. These artists dedicated their time and talents to our community and were founding members of The Arts of Hancock County.

Gallery 220 Artists will design/decorate small lamps. Consequently, the lamps will then be sold at a silent auction and cocktail party Saturday February 17, 2024 from 4-7pm. Please come and join us to support the arts in our community.

The four local artists to be commemorated at the event are as follows:

Regan Carney moved to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi in 1995.

She was a lifelong educator of the arts. She established the Bay Artist CoOp in Bay St. Louis, MS over twenty-eight years ago. Regan received a BFA in Sculptural Clay from Newcomb College in Tulane University in 1980.

Mark Buszkiewicz was an active and respected long-time member of the Bay St. Louis and Kiln communities. Being a master carpenter and home designer, his work is prominently featured in homes throughout the area. He was also a highly talented and sought after artist and member of the Bay Artist Coop in Bay St. Louis. Additionally, he was a military veteran and served in the US Navy on the USS Von Steuben submarine.

Pamela Yoder was born October 36, 1945 in Baton Rouge. Pam and her husband, Sid, have homes in Bay St. Louis, MS and Baton Rouge, LA, and they divided their time between the two. Pam attended the University of Houston and Louisiana State University. She worked for the State of Louisiana for several years. Pam and her husband are the owners of Deerworks of Televera. Their

beautiful jewelry is shown in galleries in the Mississippi Bay Area.

Gwen Impson was born on February 26, 1946 in New Orleans, LA. In her youth, Gwen lived in Thibodaux, Monroe, Destrehan, and New Orleans. She found her passion painting and later petroglyphs. Gwen was passionate about cultivating the arts on the Gulf Coast and in 2003 started “The Arts of Hancock County.” She served as its first president and remained active and a contributing member for the remainder of her life. Post Hurricane Katrina, Gwen worked with fellow artists and collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce and other benefactors to match contributions to restore the arts.

Jenise McCardell and Mark Currier organized Gallery 220. In addition, they own and operate the pottery shop, Clay Creations, behind the gallery showroom. Barbara Brodtmann manages the work schedule and front desk duties. Come to the fun event “LIGHT UP THE BAY” and find the perfect little lamp for your home.

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High School; and Lacey Vitalec, Hancock High School.

“Hancock Whitney was founded to help people achieve their goals and dreams. We come to work every day to help create opportunities for people and the communities we serve. Establishing and funding the Leo Seal Innovative Teacher Grants program help encourage and celebrate educational excellence among outstanding teachers who are preparing young people with knowledge and experience to pursue and accomplish dreams for the future. We’re honored to join with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in congratulating and recognizing the 2024 Seal grant recipients,” said Hancock Whitney President and CEO John M. Hairston.

Each Seal grant re-

ipient receives up to \$2,000 to activate their award-winning teaching initiative at their school. The 2024 grant recipients share insights about their commitment to teaching at <https://www.hancockwhitney.com/hubfs/HW-Corp-Comm-Videos/CC-MISC/2024-Seal-Innovative-Teachers.mp4>.

Georganne Kinney
Hancock Middle School
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Jillian Strong
Hancock High School
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Lacey Vitalec
Hancock High School
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More about the Seal Grants

Hancock Whitney established the Leo W. Seal Innovative Teacher Grants in 1994 as a

permanent endowment of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation Pat Santucci Friends of Public Education Program. GCCF and Hancock Whitney awarded the first grants in 1996. GCCF manages the grants and selection of winners by an independent committee not affiliated with Hancock Whitney.

Additionally, the program pays tribute to the legacies of the late Leo W. Seal, Sr., Hancock Whitney’s president from 1932 to 1963, and his son, the late Leo W. Seal, Jr., the company’s chief executive for 45 years. During their lives, both men championed countless educational and economic growth opportunities across the Gulf Coast.

Hancock Whitney and GCCF will announce availability of online applications for 2025 grants this summer.



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DIAMONDHEAD, MS

Brian and Jan Brignac have filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.19) to allow the construction of a residence within 5’ of the side yard property line.

The property address is 684 Auahi Place. The tax parcel number is 131B-0-01-157.000. The property is in a R-2 zoning district. The side yard setback is 10’. The variance requested is 5’. The Case File Number is 202400024.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at p_rich@diamondhead.ms.gov or 228-242-1613.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD Logic and Accuracy Testing DS200 Precinct Scanner and Tabulator

The City of Diamondhead Election Commissioners will be conducting LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING ON THE DS200 PRECINCT SCANNERS AND TABULATORS in preparation for the City of Diamondhead February 20, 2024 Special Election Run-off. The testing will begin on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Testing will be conducted at the Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi. The logic and accuracy testing process is open to the public and anyone interested in observing is welcome to be present.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION RUN-OFF CITY COUNCIL WARD 4 ABSENTEE VOTING

The 2024 Special Election Run-off for City Council Ward 4 will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Electors residing 4 will vote at the Diamondhead Community Center. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Absentee Voting for the Special Election is available beginning Monday, February 5 at City Hall. The last day to cast an in-person absentee ballot in the Special Election is February 17th by noon . City Hall is open 8 – 5 Monday – Friday and will be open from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, February 10th and Saturday, February 17th for absentee voting. For additional information on casting an absentee ballot, please visit www.diamondhead.ms.gov or contact the City Clerk’s Office by calling 228-222-4626.

Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to the Tree Ordinance Article 11. – General Requirements and Restrictions. The Case File Number is 202300337.

In accordance with Article 2.8.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience. The proposed revision is available for review on the City’s website or at City Hall.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Pat Rich, Development Coordinator at p_rich@diamondhead.ms.gov or 228-242-1613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Appendix A – Zoning. The proposed text amendment is a comprehensive revision of the Zoning Ordinance to reflect Envision Diamondhead 2040, the city’s Comprehensive Plan.

In accordance with Article 2.8.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

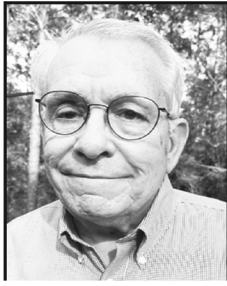
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Devotional Page

A Future with Hope

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

There are times when challenges and hardship seem to be all around us. One crisis may seem to follow another with astonishing regularity. Trouble and sorrow can appear out of nowhere with devastating results. It may come in the form of economic hardship, relationship

breakdowns, disappointment due to unrealized dreams, a frightening illness, or grief at the loss of someone we loved. These circumstances are real. They are a part of life. At one time or another they will visit each of us.

The ancient writings of the prophet Jeremiah address such moments. The people of Israel had seen their beloved homeland captured by enemies. Many had been carried away as prisoners to become servants in a strange land. Their loss and grief seemed to be unbearable. They could see no way forward and no future for themselves and their children. The prophet was not reluctant to address the wayward behavior of the

people, but he also called upon them to trust in the faithfulness of their spiritual heritage. In the 29th chapter of his book, he made a bold and hopeful declaration.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29: 11)

While these words did not take away the losses they had sustained, nor did they remove the grief, they did promise that there was a path to a better life. This encouragement provided hope amid despair, comfort in the face of loss, and possibility when none could be seen. Thousands of years later, this

message still rings true. Just as surely as loss is real, so is the potential for restoration and redemption.

As a pastor and counselor for more than 50 years, I have stood beside countless people and families as they have undergone seemingly unbearable grief. We have all known such times in our lives, and in the lives of those we love. These moments cannot be discounted. They touch the deepest places in our souls and seem to rip a hole in whatever faith we may have claimed. At such times we come to understand that there is a proper weeping. It is worthy (and even healthy) to be acknowledged.

There is, however, validity to the hope that grief does not have to be the final word. Just as sorrow and pain are authentic, they can also be healed. Time can help. A supportive community can offer comfort. Many times, professional counselors can provide guidance and direction. Drawing upon the spiritual strength within us is a powerful resource. It can be accessed through pastoral counselors, church communities, or sometimes, through a trusted friend.

There is a direction of hope for your life. It does not remove the loss, but it can guide us through it to the future which awaits. We can be thankful for that.

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LEGALS

Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
 This is to give notice that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks proposes to undertake the following:
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
BUCCANEER STATE PARK RV CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
 The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is requesting the use of U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act funding for improvements to Buccaneer State Park Campground Improvements.
 In deciding whether to fund the proposed project, U.S. Department of the Treasury is obligated to follow requirements set forth by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management. This Notice of Intent is being provided in fulfillment of the aforementioned Executive order.
 The project site is in the City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. The Project is located north of South Beach Boulevard and east of Grand Bayou.

The Buccaneer State Park Campground Improvements project site is approximately 6.9 acres and located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone VE) as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Map Number 28045C0344D (effective 10/16/2009). Base flood elevation (BFE) is 25 feet above sea level. Measures would be taken during construction work to ensure that construction is performed in a manner that minimizes any negative impact to the floodplain.
 Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the proposed activity. Additional information on the proposed activity is available for the public between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday at the following location:

Dungan Engineering, P.A.
 925 Goodyear Boulevard
 Picayune, MS 39466
 info@dunganeng.com

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments for consideration by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks at the above address by March 10, 2024. All comments will be considered prior to constructing the proposed activity.

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You are hereby invited to submit a sealed bid for Add Cooling Tower Central Fire House for work at the Central Fire House at 543 Main St., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.

Sealed Bids will be received from contractors at the Bay St. Louis City Hall Conference Room, 2nd floor, located at 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39525 until 10:00 AM. local time, Thursday, February 29, 2024 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Work will be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by:

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 39532

Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the Contract Documents in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract Bond, Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

- Office of the Engineer: Stephens Mechanical Engineering, 925 Tommy Munro Dr., Ste B, Biloxi, MS, 39532.
- Plans House, Gulfport
- City of Bay St. Louis, 688 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis 39520

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the website:

www.baystlouis-msbids.com
 Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.baystlouis-msbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the web-Bayou.

site. Questions regarding website registration and online orders are to contact the Plan House at (228) 248-0181. No partial sets of drawings or manual will be issued. No contract documents (hard copy or electronic) will be issued to Contractors within 24 hours of the bid time.

Prospective bidders can examine the Bidding Documents at the issuing offices on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00.

All written proposals must be on file with the City of Bay St. Louis prior to the opening time as stated above. All proposals must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated for Add Cooling Tower Central Fire House Bay St. Louis, Mississippi not to be opened until February 29, 2024 at 10:00 am. Additionally, the envelope shall have the Contractors Certificate of Responsibility Number plainly written. Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of same by any City employee.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for February 22, 2024, at 10:00 am at the City Hall Conference Room.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid the standard forms contained in the contract manual. Each bid will include a bid bond issued by a Surety Company for the designated amount of 5% of the total bid price. The Surety Company shall be a licensed in Mississippi firm. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount. Bidders shall comply with law of the State of Mississippi requiring Certificate of Responsibility.

Bids shall be deposited with the City of Bay St. Louis, Bay St. Louis City Hall, 688 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 or alternately, bids can be submitted at www.baystlouis-msbids.com under the project page, prior to the hour and date designated above. No oral, telegraphic, or emails proposals shall be considered. All interpretations or questions shall be directed to Lawrence Stephens at Stephens Mechanical LLC by email to : les@stephens-mecheng.com. Contractor must indicate on their bid proposal all addenda with dates in the location provided. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening without Owners consent.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids.

All work performed shall comply with Federal, State, and Local Codes.

Approved by the order of the City of Bay St. Louis City Council.

PUBLISH
 1st Advertisement Date: February 8, 2024
 2nd Advertisement Date: February 15, 2024
 # 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF NORENE

AGNES WILLIAMS, DECEASED
 CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-0064-JP

SUMMONS
 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF NORENE AGNES WILLIAMS, DECEASED AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST OR CLAIM IN THE HEREIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Deena Williams and Marleece Williams, Petitioners, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of NORENE AGNES WILLIAMS. The real property owned by decedent at her death is described as follows:

The East One-Half of Lot Four (East ½ of Lot 4) rear of the Second Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said City, ward, and lands in the rear of said City and Ward made by E.S. Drake, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on May

1st, 1923.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1st Judicial District, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 2nd day of February, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, Clerk
 By: Cassie Tribble, D.C.
 152 Main Street, Ste. A
 Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
 (228) 467-5406

Michael D. Haas, Jr., MS Bar No 5091
 Haas and Haas Attorneys
 201 N. Second Street
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
 T: (228) 467-6574

Publish Dates: 2/8/2024; 2/15/2024; 2/22/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ALPHONSE J. LIND, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23-cv-590-CB

MICHAEL PAUL JACKSON LIND, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alphonse J. Lind, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/MICHAEL PAUL JACKSON LIND

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors is soliciting bids for a 66,000 minimum GVW Tridem Axle Dump Truck(s) at the Hancock County Government Annex, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520, until March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., when said bids are going to be opened and read aloud in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. All bids must be on file with the Secretary of the Board on or prior to the date and hour stated above. Bids sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the Bidder and should be addressed to the Board of Supervisors, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Bidders may also submit their bids to the Board of Supervisors electronically to Brittney.johnson@co.hancock.ms.us. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and to award in the best interest of Hancock County. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi. This solicitation seeks bids for the purchase of one (1) or more 2025 or newer Tri-axle Dump Truck(s). This contract shall be valid until January 1, 2029. Purchase price shall be valid for one calendar year and the second year the awarding vendor may apply up to fifteen (15) percent inflation price increase each year thereafter. The following stated below are the suggested minimum specifications for one or more 2025 model or newer Tri-axle Dump Truck(s). All bids must be equal in performance and quality pursuant to the bid specifications below, which are not intended to exclude any manufacturers standard deviation. Any reference to manufactures make or series of equipment stated in the following specifications is intended only to establish an acceptable standard and is not intended to limit the bidding. Hancock County is acting under the authority of Section 31-7-13, and reserves the right to accept or reject any and all

bids, and to waive informalities.
DUMP BODY SPECIFICATIONS: Yardage 21; Body Length: 16; Front Height: 66; Side Height Front: 66; Side Height Rear: 66; Rear Height: 72; Side Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Front Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Tailgate Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Floor Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Skirt Material: SHEET-7GA-A36; Cabshield Style: NARROW & CENTERED; Cabshield Projection: 36; Cabshield Width: 65; Tarp System; Tailgate Type: HIGH LIFT; Dump Apron: HEAVY DUTY; Side Light Cutouts: LOWER FRONT; Board Holder Height: NO BOARD HOLDERS; Paint: BLACK; PTO Auto Transmission; Backup Alarm; Air Tailgate Kit; Aluminum Skirts; Pintle Hitch; Full Truck kit with glad hands (towing package); and Body must be equipped with a vibrator(no exceptions). Bidder(s) are to bid each unit as a complete unit. Additional Requirements: Guaranteed buy back provision: *The guaranteed buy back provision at the end of (1) and (3) years will be a factor in determining the lowest and best bid. ***Bidder(s) are to bid each unit as a complete unit. Delivery will be one of the main consideration factor(s) to establish lowest and best bid pursuant to Mississippi Code 31-7-13 section d. ***Participating bidders must submit auction results to support the one year and three year buy back number proposed with their un-priced proposals. NO EXCEPTIONS. Auctioneer auction results submitted by participating vendor(s) will also be a determining factor to establish the lowest and best bidder. Bidders shall also submit information on the following: ENGINE & EQUIPMENT

New & Unused 2025

Conventional Cab

ENGINE & EQUIPMENT

510 HP Engine or greater no exceptions
 1850 lb/ft torque or greater (no exceptions)
 13 engine liter displacement or greater
 Air Compressor 25.9 CFM or greater
 Air Cleaner: composite firewall mounted
 2-Speed fan hub
 1330 sq/in Cooling module or greater
 Exhaust: 2021 EPA; Dual vertical
 Engine block heater (120 volt minimum)
 Fuel/water separator: 2021 Emissions
 160 AMP Alternator minimum (3) or more batteries 2000 CCA dual purpose
 12-Volt light system with circuit protection
 12-Volt Starter

TRANSMISSION & EQUIPMENT

Allison 4500 RDS series automatic transmission
 Transmission PTO Rear Support Spring(s)
 Heavy Duty Driveline:2 Dana Spicer SPL250XL or the Meritor equivalent
 Torque converter
 Park brake auto neutral

FRONT AXLE & EQUIPMENT

Meritor or the Equivalent Dana Spicer Front Axle rated at 20k or greater
 Front Brakes 20k or greater
 Front Drums 20k or greater
 Front Hubs 20k or greater
 Front auto slack adjusters 20k or greater Taperleaf front springs; to include threaded bushings
 Dual power steering gears 20k or greater

REAR AXLE & EQUIPMENT

46k or greater Rear axle, Dana Spicer or the equivalent Meritor Brand w/heavy-wall housing
 Rear axle ratio: 4.78
 Dual rear brakes 46k or greater
 Dual rear hubs 46k or greater
 Hub package for dual rear axles rated 46k
 Rear slack adjusters
 Single spring brake 3030 high output dual
 Bendix 4S/4M Anti-lock brake system or greater
 Chalmers Rear Suspension: rated at 46k or greater

TIRES & WHEELS

Front tires: Goodyear or equivalent (425/65R22.5) 20PR
 Rear tires: Goodyear or equivalent (11R24.5)
 Front wheels & Rear wheels: Aluminum (22.5x12.25) rear (24.5x8.25)
 Third Axle tires must be 295/75R22.5 or greater polished aluminum

FRAME & EQUIPMENT

FRAME RAILS: 10-3/4 X 3/8" STL 285-336 (2,132,000) RBM Steel frame or equivalent
 Full insert for 10 5/8 (2,132,000) RBM
 120,000 PSI Yield steel required
 Tapered Chrome Bumper
 Cast center front tow hook

FUEL TANK(S) & EQUIPMENT

110 Gallon fuel tank or greater with anti-siphon device
 14 Gallon DEF tank; LH mount

CAB & EQUIPMENT

Aluminum or Steel Cab
 120 BBC minimum
 Heater with integral defroster and A/C
 Adjustable telescoping tilt steering column w/smartwheel(no exceptions)
 Dash mounted air filter restriction gauge
 Transmission oil temperature gauge
 Speedometer
 Tachometer
 Fuel gauge
 Engine coolant temperature gauge
 Engine oil pressure gauge
 Increased air capacity for an additional axle (no exceptions)
 Wheelbase clearance for a third axle (no exceptions)
 Must include non-steerable lift axle rated at 18K minimum(no exceptions)
 Air driver seat
 Non-air ride (rider seat)
 AM/FM/WB/USB/BT Radio
 Cab access grab handles, LH & RH
 Exterior Stainless Steel survivor
 One-piece windshield
 Air Ride Cab
 Roof mounted marker lights
 Circuit breakers replacing all but 5-amp fuses
 Bendix AD-HF air dryer, heated; extended purge
 Moisture drain valve with pull cable drain
 Backup: must meet SAE J560 & OSHA requirements

PAINT

Color: White with Black body or color cab must have matching body

Bidders may obtain a bidding form from Hancock County at Brittney.johnson@co.hancock.ms.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
E-RATE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County School District up to and no later than 12:00 p.m. March 12, 2024, at 18375 Hwy 603, Kiln, MS 39556, for the procurement of Category 2 E-Rate products and services via E-Rate funding. A copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) can be obtained by emailing Millie Rollins at rfp@regroupms.com. If a response is not received within 24 hours, it is the responsibility of the respondent to call Millie Rollins at 662-630-0118 to confirm receipt of the RFP request.

All interested bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on February 22, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at 18375 Hwy 603, Kiln, MS 39556. Bidders not attending the pre-bid conference will not be considered.

Bids will be opened at 12:00 p.m. March 12, 2024, at 18375 Hwy 603, Kiln, MS 39556. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

ATTN: SEALED BID - DO NOT OPEN
 2024 E-Rate Bid
 Bid Opening: March 12, 2024 12:00 p.m.

Envelopes not so marked will not be considered.

As an alternate submission mechanism for Category 2 products and services, bids may be submitted through secure electronic submission. Official Bid Documents are available at Central Bidding (www.-centralbidding.com). Electronic Bids may be submitted at Central Bidding (www.centralbidding.com). For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The Hancock County School District has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Publish by order of the Hancock County School District.

Technology Directory, Spencer Breland
 Hancock County School District
 Publish: February 8, 2024 and February 15, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CARLA A. CORTEZ-QUINTERO PLAINTIFF

V. CAUSE NO: 21-639-MA

REGINA LYNN CORTEZ DEFENDANT
 SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS
 NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2024, the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi entered a Second Corrected Judgment finding that the property sought to be partitioned in the above styled and numbered

cause could not be partitioned in kind but rather must be sold at public outcry to achieve an equitable and fair partition of the property. In said order (MEC Document No. 21), the Court appointed the undersigned, Joel L. Blackledge, Attorney at Law, as the Special Commissioner to hold a public sale of said property and that the property be sold at public outcry after advertisement of the same; and, WHEREAS, the property to be sold at public outcry is located in Hancock County, Mississippi and described as follows, to wit: 61.81 acres of land in the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 south, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the SW ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, run South 87° 05' East 48.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 87° 05' East 1267.8 feet; thence North 86° 52' East 392.3 feet; thence South 03° 08' East 25.0 feet; thence North 86° 52' East 25.0 feet; thence South 88° 52' East 318.2 feet; thence North 88° 25' East 231.7 feet; thence North 87° 28' East 412.5 feet; thence North 81° 56' East 23.0 feet; thence South 00° 25' West 1223.2 feet, thence North 89° 43' West 729.4 feet; thence North 00° 07' West 534.0 feet; thence North 89° 43' West 660.0 feet; thence South 00° 07' West 594.0 feet; thence North 89° 53' West 125.00 feet; thence North 00° 07' East 100.0 feet; thence North 89° 53' West 1100.0 feet; thence North 00° 07' East 990.0 feet; thence North 89° 53' West 50.0 feet; thence 00° 07' East 138.2 feet to the point of beginning.

Deed Book 2010 Page 12986.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A preferential Right of Way consisting of 2.02 acres of land in the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township. 6 South, Range 14 West; and run South 87° 05' East 48.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 87° 05' East 1267.8 feet; thence North 86° 52' East 392.3 feet; thence South 03° 08' East 25.0 feet; thence North 86° 52' East 25.0 feet; thence South 00° 07' West 25.2 feet; thence South 86° 52' West 417.4 feet; thence North 87° 05' West 1219.1 feet; thence South 00° 07' West 85.4 feet; thence North 89° 53' West 50.0 feet; thence North 00° 07' East 138.2 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT:

A parcel of land situated and being located in the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ and the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a wood fence corner post for the Northwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, T 6 S, R 14 W, Hancock County, Mississippi; Thence run S 87° 05' 00" E 48.60 ft.; thence run along the west line of the less and except" parcel described in Deed Book 2010 page 12986, S 00° 07' 00" W 138.20 ft.; thence run along the South line of said "less and except" parcel S 89° 53' 00" E 50.00 ft. to the West line of said property conveyed in Deed Book 2010, Page 12986; thence run along said West line N 00° 07' 00" W 85.40 ft. to an Iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence run along the North line of said property S 87° 05' 00" E 1219.10 ft. to an iron rod; thence continue running along the North line of said property N 86° 52' 00" E 417.40 to an iron rod to the West margin of Spruce Street; thence run along said West margin of Spruce Street S 00° 07' 00" W 592.19 ft. to an iron rod; thence run N 89° 27' 19" W 414.19 ft. along the North margin of said Spruce Street to an iron rod; thence run S 00° 27' 35" W 645.02 ft. and along the West line of property conveyed in Deed Book BB-55, page 437 to an iron pipe on the South line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 19; thence run along the remains of an old fence on said line N 88° 36' 18" W 121.76 ft. to an iron rod; thence run N 01° 43' 37" E 191.95 ft. to an iron rod on the South line of said property conveyed in Deed Book 2010, page 12986; thence run along said line N 89° 53' 00" W 1100.00 ft. to an iron rod for the Southwest corner of said property; thence run along the west line of said property N 00° 07' 00" E 1075.40 ft. to the point of beginning.

Deed Book 2012 Page 6024

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A parcel of land situated in the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the recognized Southeast corner of said Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence N 00° 13' 40" E along the East line of said Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, 60.00 ft. to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 00° 13' 40" E along the said line 1228.88 ft. to a point on the Southern margin of Hayward Ladner Road; thence S 85° 21' 42" W along said Southern margin 356.61 ft.

to a point on the East margin of Cortez Court; thence S 00° 13' 40" E along said East margin 666.49 ft. to a point on the South margin of Cortez Court; thence N 89° 08' 51" W along said South margin 417.20 ft. to a point; thence S 00° 22' 23 W 534.00 ft. to a point; thence S 89° 34' 33" E 778.33 ft, to the Point of Beginning, Containing 15.4 acres, more or less.

Deed Book 2013 Page 4755 NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred by the Second Corrected Judgment of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi rendered on January 4, 2024 in the above styled and numbered cause, I, Joel L. Blackledge, as the duly appointed Special Commissioner will on the 5th day of March, 2024, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash and/or certified funds, the property described above within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door at the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Special Commissioner, which will occur following Chancery Court confirmation of the sale. The sale of the property is made without representation or warranty of any type by the Special Commissioner, and is an AS-IS, WHERE-IS sale. The sale of the subject property is further subject to Chancery Court confirmation following submission of the Special Commissioners report by the undersigned. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 29th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Joel L. Blackledge
Joel L. Blackledge
Special Commissioner

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PETITIONER

VS. NO. 23CH1:23-cv-00594-MA

CINQUE BAMBINI RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Petitioner, Hancock County School District, will call up for hearing its Petition for Exchange of School Property [Dkt. 3] before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso, at the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, or wherever counsel may be heard, on March 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may conveniently be heard. Respectfully submitted, this the 31st of January, 2024.

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY: BALCH & BINGHAM LLP

BY: /s/ R. Mark Alexander, Jr. Of Counsel

R. Mark Alexander, Jr. (MS Bar# 100748)
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malexander@balch.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. Mark Alexander, Jr. do hereby certify that I have this day filed a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing pleading with the Clerk of Court which sent notification using the MEC system: This the 31st day of January, 2024.

/s/ R. Mark Alexander, Jr. Of Counsel

Legal Notice

The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District will receive sealed bids at the Central Office, 200 North Second Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 Until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 29,2024 for the following. E-Rate Equipment Bid Packets and complete specifications may be obtained by contacting the following. Aaron Lewis. Director of Technology - alewis@bwsd.org The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District reserves the right to accept / reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RAY HAAS, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00034 MA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HARRISON EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th DAY OF January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, to the un-

dersigned upon the Estate of Elizabeth Ray Haas, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS 19th day of January, A. D., 2024.

Tara Teneal Winchester

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 and February 8, 2024

Return to:
Patrick W. Kirby
The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC
2304 19th Street, Suite 203
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HAI PHI TRAN PLAINTIFF VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 23-cv-610-MA

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; LYNN FITCH IN HER CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; CROSY PARKER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT OF ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; RYAN CAMPBELL PROPERTIES, LLC; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 30, 2017, VIZ: LOT 4 PH 1 BLUE MEADOW RIDGE, PARCEL #137C-0-42-033.000, PPIN #000057649 DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: 1. Defendants, RYAN CAMPBELL PROPERTIES, LLC; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 30, 2017, VIZ: LOT 4 PH 1 BLUE MEADOW RIDGE, PARCEL #137C-0-42-033.000, PPIN #000057649.

You have been made a Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, HAI PHI TRAN, seeking to confirm his title to the property described above, acquired from a tax sale on August 30, 2017 for taxes for the year 2016, while assessed to RYAN CAMPBELL PROPERTIES, LLC.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to DAVID PILGER, Attorney for the Plaintiff whose address is 1406 Bienville Blvd., Suite 101, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 30th day of January, 2024.

Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk
152 Main Street, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

BY: s/ Ashley Holland, D.C.

Publish: 2/08/2024 , 02/15/24, and 02/22/24

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT PLAINTIFF

VERSUS CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-031-JP

JOHN E. KAIN; CAROL KAIN;

JOHN E. KAIN, JR.; KEITH KAIN; and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: a) JOHN E. KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; b) CAROL KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; c) JOHN E. KAIN, JR., if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are believed to be known after diligent

search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; d) KEITH KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office address is believed to be known after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; and e) ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal and/or equitable interest in and to the following real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lots 3 and 4, Square 204, Unit 7, Addition 2, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 139H-0-29-021.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, asserting legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to confirm Plaintiffs title thereto.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Preston J. Mauffray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, and whose street address is 2208 McLaurin Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 19th day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court

By: s/Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK

Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
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Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
Telephone: (228) 216-6124

PUBLISH ON: 2/01/2024; 2/08/2024; and 2/15/2024.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00601-JS IRVAN CONNERS, JR., DECEASED IRVAN CONNERS, III, PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Irvan Connors, Jr., deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Irvan Connors, III, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Irvan Connors, Jr., deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Irvan Connors, Jr.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 oclock a.m. on the 13th day of March, 2024, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi (1801 23rd Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501), and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 2nd day of February, 2024.

Tiffany Cowman, Hancock County Chancery Clerk
s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.

Publication Dates: February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024 and February 22, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00601-JS

IRVAN CONNERS, JR., DECEASED

IRVAN CONNERS, III, PETITIONER

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Irvan Connors, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 25th day of January, 2024.

s/Irvan Connors, III

PUBLISH: January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, DECEASED CAUSE NO: 23CH1:23-cv-00636-JS JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, JR., PETITIONER EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of James Joseph Collins, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, JR.

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DEAN MORRIS, LLC, IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF

VS. CAUSE NO.:23-439-JP

JAMES P. OSBORN AND UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINSTRATION, solely as junior lienholder DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Defendant James P. Osborn whose last known address was 4003 Kyushu Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 and current post office address and street address are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same.

The Complaint against you, which is on file at the Chancery Clerks office of Hancock County, Mississippi, in the above numbered cause, is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Elizabeth Crowell Price, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 855 S Pear Orchard, Ste 404, Bldg 400, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 26th day of October 2023.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK
152 MAIN STREET, STE A
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520

(SEAL)

BY: Cassie Tribble, D.C.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Justin Asher executed and delivered a Promissory Note (Note) in favor of Robin Nims aka Robin Willard, in the principle amount of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$34,000.00) on the 31st day of March, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note, Justin Asher, executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Casano Law Firm,

P.A., as Trustee, by Michael J. Casano, for Robin Nims aka Robin Willard, said Deed of Trust being dated March 31, 2023, and recorded on April 5, 2023 in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 6464 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Robin Nims aka Robin Willard is currently the holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, said Mortgagor has defaulted in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the payments therein as specified and failing to pay the interest thereon, and under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebtedness is declared due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Robin Nims aka Robin Willard has demanded that the same be foreclosed in the manner provided therein so as to satisfy the indebtedness thereby secured; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with applicable state law.

NOW THEREFORE, Casano Law Firm, P.A., Trustee, by Michael J. Casano, as aforesaid, will on the 27th day of February, 2024, offer for sale and sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 271 and 272 Silver Creek Acres, Hancock County, Mississippi, according to the official plat thereof dated November 28, 1961 on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 2, Pages 78, 78A, 78B and 78C.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 15th day of January, 2024.

s/Michael J. Casano, Trustee

Prepared by:

Michael J. Casano, Esq.
The Casano Law Firm, P.A.
4403 West Aloha Drive
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
Telephone: (228) 255-0035
Facsimile: (228) 255-0078

Publish Three (3) Times: January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024, and February 8, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

KAREN MESSICK PLAINTIFF VERSUS CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-033-JS

KATHLEEN WALSH and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: a) KATHLEEN WALSH, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are believed to be known after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; and b) ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal and/or equitable interest in and to the following real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lots 75 through 84, as per plat of BURNETTS SUBDIVISION of Lots 26 and 27 of the First Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, made by E. S. Drake, surveyor, dated July 30, 1914, filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on August 12, 1914, and appearing of record in Deed Book C-7, at Page 286.

Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 144M-0-18-116.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by KAREN MESSICK, asserting legal ownership of the above-described property and seeking to confirm Plaintiffs title thereto.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Preston J. Mauffray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, and whose street address is 2208 McLaurin Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original

of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court

By: _____ s/Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK

Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
Telephone: (228) 216-6124

PUBLISH ON: 2/01/2024; 2/08/2024; and 2/15/2024.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF

MARY E. HAZEUR, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-0051-CB

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY E. HAZEUR, DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST OR CLAIM IN THE BELOW DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Denise Chisley seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of MARY E. HAZEUR, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are: Honore Hazeur, Jr., Honorene Hazeur, Darren Hazeur, Deborah McCurtis, Cedric Hazeur and Norene Agnes Williams, now deceased, who are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent. The real property owned by decedent at her death is described as follows:

The East One-Half of Lot four (East 1/2 of Lot 4) rear of the Second Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said City, ward, and lands in the rear of said City and Ward made by E.S. Drake, and filed in the office of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on May 1st, 1923.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom at the Harrison County Courthouse, 2nd Judicial District, 730 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Biloxi Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 30th day of January, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk

By: Ashley Holland, D.C.
152 Main Street, Ste. A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5406

(SEAL)

Michael D. Haas, Jr., MS Bar No. 5091
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574

Publish Dates: 2/8/2024; 2/15/2024; 2/22/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MICHAEL L. BELL, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LYNN FITCH; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, TIFFANY COWMAN; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. CROSBY PARKER; MYRON W. HANSEN, a/k/a MYRON W. HANSON (Deceased); ALFRED F. HANSON, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; WESLEY M. HANSON, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 162G-0-03-226.000; BLOCK 1, LOTS 5 & 6, GREEN ACRES ADDITION TO WAVELAND, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:24-cv-36-JS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: ALFRED F. HANSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES; AND WESLEY M. HANSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES. NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Michael Bell, Plaintiff, seeking to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendant herein is made a

party by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedures 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 25th day of January, 2024, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS; Dated: January 19, 2024 By: Bridgette Ladner, DC Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq., MS Bar # 104994 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571 Tel. 228-323-3330 Dates of Publication: 1) 1/25/2024 2) 2/1/2024 3) 2/8/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

REBECCA WATERBURY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00006-JS

DAWNA WATERBURY and ALECIA LEBLANC, PETITIONERS

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Rebecca Waterbury, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/DAWNA WATERBURY

s/ALECIA LEBLANC

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, and February 15, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 2023-644CB
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of Robert F. Bozeman, Jr., deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 22nd day of January, 2024, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim. This the 25th day of January, 2024.

MARY LOU APPLEWHITE and DAVID N. SAWYER, CO-ADMINISTRATORS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SIALABAR MANAGEMENT CO., LLC, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LYNN FITCH; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, TIFFANY COWMAN; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. CROSBY PARKER; JOSEPH P. LORIA (Deceased); KEVIN LORIA, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; HORACE BUCKNER WELLS, III, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 135N-1-39-347.000; 13 ON CANAL, BLOCK 617, SHORELINE PARK UNIT #6, ADD. #3, S39-T08 -R14W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:24-cv-20-CB

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: HORACE B. WELLS, III, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES; AND KEVIN LORIA, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES. NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Sialabar Management Co., LLC, Plaintiff, seek-

ing to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendant herein is made a party by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedures 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 25th day of January, 2024, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS; Dated: 1/19/2024 By: Bridgette Ladner, DC Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq., MS Bar # 104994 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571 Tel. 228-323-3330 Dates of Publication: 1) 1/25/2024 2) 2/1/2024 3) 2/8/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SIALABAR MANAGEMENT CO., LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 23CH1: 19-cv-701 MA

KATHIE S. LINGO; JIM HOOD, in his capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL; JOEL SMITH in his capacity as DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; PI; and ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON August 31, 2017, PARCEL 139B - 0 - 29 - 269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, BLOCK A, HARBOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS by PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Kathie S. Lingo and All Other Persons, Firms and Corporations Having or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest in the Following Described Land Sold for Taxes on SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, PARCEL 139B - 0 - 29 - 269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, Block A, Harbor Estates Subdivision, Second Addition, Hancock County, Mississippi

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SiAlaBar Management Co. LLC, Plaintiff, seeking to quiet and confirm title in the above-described real property. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title to Real Property filed against you in this action to Patrick W. Kirby, Esq., the attorney for the Plaintiff, whose mailing address is The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC, 2304 19th Street, Suite 203, Gulfport, MS 39501. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS . IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 18th day of January, 2024

Publish January 25, February 1, and February 8, 2024

Tiffany Lee Cowman

By: _____, D.C.
Chancery Clerk of Hancock

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
STEPHEN BURDICK HAND, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00035 MA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th DAY OF January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Stephen B. Hand, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days

from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 19th day of January, A. D., 2024.

Patrick W. Kirby

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 and February 8, 2024.

Return to:
Patrick W. Kirby
The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC
2304 19th Street, Suite 203
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of February, 2008, Tasha M Favre, and Jess Favre, wife and husband, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto CTC Real Estate Services, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2008 at Page 11222; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of November, 2016, the Holder of said Deed of Trust filed a Loan Modification Agreement of Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk of Court in Deed of Trust Book 2016 at Page 23435

WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2022-RPL2 by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 27129; and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of January, 2024 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2024 at Page 1028; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of February, 2024, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 1,2,3,4, Square 56, as per plat of Bay St. Louis Land & Improvements Company's Subdivision or part of Bay St. Louis Land & Improvements Company's First Addition to Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, said plat of said Subdivision being dated April 27, 1987, and file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 1st day of February, 2024.

Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020

adp/F23-0671

PUBLISH: 2-8-2024 / 2-15-2024 / 2-22-2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: VALIDATION OF HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY TAXABLE GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE (NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT) (A) SERIES 2024A IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,650,000 (THE "SERIES 2024A NOTE"), (B) SERIES 2024B IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,811,548 (THE "SERIES 2024B NOTE"), AND (C) SERIES 2024C IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,498,882 ("SERIES 2024C NOTE" AND TOGETHER WITH THE SERIES 2024A NOTE AND THE SERIES 2024B NOTE, THE NOTES)

NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00055MA

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

TO: THE TAXPAYERS OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

You are hereby notified that the matter of the validation of the above-described obligation will be heard on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi at the Harrison County Courthouse in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, at or before which time and date written objections to the validation of the issuance of said obligation, if any, must be filed. By order of the Chancellor, this the 2nd day of February, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN
CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By: Cassie Tribble, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:

VIRETTA N. LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-479-MA

By: DONNA JOHNSTON, Petitioner

SUMMONS

TO: Known and unknown heirs-at-law of LORAIN BENNETT NECAISE, Deceased.

You have been made parties respondent in the above cause, filed in the Court by DONNA JOHNSTON, seeking to establish the heirs-at-law of LORAIN BENNETT NECAISE, deceased, as beneficiary in this cause; whose known heirs-at-law are Marisha Necaise Nores and Berry R. Necaise.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 29th day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County Mississippi
Post Office Box 429
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

By: _____ s/Larrinell Kessel
DEPUTY CLERK

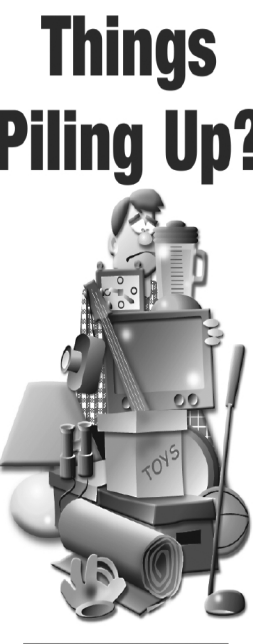
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FEBRUARY 12

• The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse's Lundi Gras parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's Grand Marshals are Danica and Devynn Hart and Trea Swindle of Chapel Hart. The parade starts at the Depot, goes up Bookter Street, turns right onto S. Necaise Ave., turns on Main Street to Ulman Avenue, down N. Beach Blvd. and ends at the parking garage on Court Street.

MARCH 4

• Hancock County Primary (March 12) election candidate forum. Carl Boyanton, Mike Ezell, and Michael McGill. Hosted by Hancock County Republican Women. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 503 on Waveland Avenue. Submit questions for candidates until Feb. 29 to hcrwomensclub@gmail.com.

MARCH 16

• The Waveland Civic Association's 60th annual St. Patrick's Day parade begins at 1 p.m. Parade will line up at Whispering Pines, go down the beach to Nicholson Avenue, up Nicholson onto Central, Central to Coleman, Coleman to the beach, beach to Waveland Avenue where the parade will end at Elwood Bourgeois Park. Jeeps, golf carts, floats, marching groups are welcome. Pricing and registration at wavelandcivicassociation.com.

136 Automobile

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

MAROON
2007 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE
VIN# 4a3a125f97e042701

01/25, 02/01, 02/08/2024

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting March 2nd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WH52K959276178

2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN# 1G12T52825F264932

2022 AUDI A6
VIN# WAU92BF2XNN036992

02/01, 02/08, 02/15/2024

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hawks claim Class 6A state championship in bowling

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock Hawks brought home the second state championship this school year with a gold medal performance in the Class II boys state championship in bowling last week.

The Hawks bowled a 4,039 to beat Cleveland Central by 315 pins or 3,724. The state match was a total of four games.

Members of the victorious Hawks squad were Greg Hinakanen, Brian Davidson, Noah Shaw, Ricky Arnaud, Casey Wheat, and Brayden Hust. Alternates were Nathan Davidson and Brady Monahan.

Both Wheat and Hust were named to the All-State team as Wheat finished second individually and Hust was third overall.

Hancock head coach Trevin Burge commented on the Hawks' season, "We returned mostly everyone from last year's state runner-up finish. The team felt the sting of losing last year and worked hard throughout the season to get back to the state tournament and they made it count."

This was the third state title for the boys' team in program history dating back 12 years.

The Lady Hawks bowled a 3,205 to finish just 19 pins behind state champion Long Beach in Class II as runner-up.

The members of the team include Kirsten Slowey, Makaila Galbreath, Rose Shaw, Faye Grather, and Mackenzie Conway. Cecile Carter was an alternate.

Grather and Conway were named to the All-State team as Grather was second overall and Conway placed third.

Lady Hawks' head coach Trevin Burge stated, "We had several new faces to the team this year. Mackenzie Conway helped usher along the younger players and became a solid leader for the program. We are looking forward to returning to the top of the



Photo by Tim Ward, Mississippi High School Activities Association
The 2024 Class II boys state champions - Hancock Hawks

podium in the years to come." The Lady Hawks finished in the top two for the sixth consecutive season. They have won three state championships in the last seven years of the program.

St. Stanislaus hires new football coach

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Saint Stanislaus is proud to announce Mr. Tate Thigpen as Head Coach of the SSC Rock-a-Chaw Football Team for the 2024-2025 School Year. Coach Thigpen served as offensive coordinator for the 2023 Rock football squad that finished with a 9 – 2 record and were Region 8-3A champions.

Coach Thigpen came to Saint Stanislaus from Sebastopol (MS) H.S. where he was also the offensive coordinator. He previously was the head coach at Glencliff High School in Tennessee.

Principal Gary Blackburn said, "Coach Thigpen was a great addition to our staff and I am confident he will continue the high standards Coach Lala set while he was with us."

Coach Thigpen says, "I am honored that Saint Stanislaus has offered me the opportunity to serve the school as Head Football Coach, and I look forward to working with the faculty, staff and administrators at the school to continue building on the amazing level of achievement we reached this past season, both on and off the field."



Tate Thigpen

Area teams compete in division hardwood tournaments

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The division tournaments for the area high school basketball teams are taking place this week. The Bay High Tigers are playing in Poplarville while Hancock has to travel to Picayune. Our Lady Academy and Saint Stanislaus are playing at Perry Central. The finishes in the division tournament determine seeding for the state playoffs.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers dropped a close game with Columbia last week 26-23 before rebounding against Poplarville on Senior Night on Friday with a 65-26 win. In the Poplarville game, Jaylen Antoine scored 20 points to lead the Tigers (5-21, 2-6) followed by Anthony Robinson with 14 and Nehemiah Sowders with 11 points. The Tigers honored their two seniors prior to the game - Isaiah Cortez and Chaunsie Sims - and both scored during the game.

Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson commented, "I am proud of our boys. It has been a struggle all season with an abundance of youth and inexperience on the court. But I am proud of how they hung in there and kept battling. They have matured with enthusiasm and leadership which is not an easy thing to do. And I did not do them any favors with the

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 2-8-24

- **Basketball:** Division 3A tournament at Perry Central (Our Lady Academy, Saint Stanislaus), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Division 8-4A tournament at Poplarville (Bay High), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 4-6A tournament at Picayune (Hancock), TBD.

FRIDAY 2-9-24

- **Basketball:** Division 3A tournament at Perry Central (Our Lady Academy, Saint Stanislaus), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Division 8-4A tournament at Poplarville (Bay High), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 4-6A tournament at Picayune (Hancock), TBD.

SATURDAY 2-10-24

- **Baseball:** Bay High/Hancock at Long Beach Jamboree, 11 a.m./1 p.m.
- **Baseball:** Saint Stanislaus at PRCC Jamboree vs PRC 2:30 p.m., vs Petal 4 p.m.
- **Lacrosse:** Saint Stanislaus at Central High in Baton Rouge, 11 a.m.
- **Soccer:** Class 3A state playoffs 3rd round (Our Lady Academy, Saint Stanislaus), TBD.
- **Soccer:** Class 4A state playoffs 3rd round (Bay High), TBD.
- **Soccer:** Class 6A state playoffs 2nd round (Hancock), TBD.
- **Softball:** Hancock at Biloxi Jamboree, 12 p.m./2 p.m.

MONDAY 2-12-24

- **Basketball:** Class 4A girls' 1st round state playoffs, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 6A girls' 1st round state playoffs, TBD.

TUESDAY 2-13-24

- **Baseball:** Bay High vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.
- **Baseball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Harrison Central, 7 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Class 3A boys' 1st round, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 4A boys' 1st round, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 6A boys' 1st round, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Class 3A boys South State championship, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Class 3A girls South State championship, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Class 4A boys South State championship, TBD.
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Bay, OLA, & SSC all gain wins in first round soccer playoffs

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The soccer playoffs are in full swing now that the frigid weather that pushed the second season back one week has passed through. Bay High, OLA, and Saint Stanislaus all won their first round games by mercy rule. Hancock played their first round games on the road Tuesday evening.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (19-1-2) made quick work of Raymond in their first round game on a dreary Saturday winning 10-0.

The game was called 10 minutes into the second half after the Tigers were up 9-0 at halftime.

Charles Richardson paced Bay High with a hat trick followed by Sawyer Bilbo with two goals. Roy Reyes, Isaac Favre, David Cordova, and Mason Borsarge all scored one goal. The final goal was scored off a Raymond player that deflected the ball into the net.

Bay High head coach Chris Doxey stated, “It is good to get this first one behind us. We did what we needed to do to win this game and advance to the next round. Our goal for the game was to get 200 successful touches and it looks like we were able to get that in a 50-minute game.”

The Tigers are gunning for a second consecutive Class 4A state title after winning the championship last year.

The Tigers squared off against Forest in the second round on Tuesday evening.

The Lady Tigers also played Raymond in the first round and the result was the same - a 10-0 victory called by mercy rule. This the fifth time the Lady Tigers have advanced to the second round in the last seven seasons having played in the Class 4A South State championship game last year.

The Lady Tigers (11-11-1) were up 10-0 at halftime. Carlie Lumpkin scored two goals and an assist to lead the Lady Tigers. Mia Middleton, Chloe Knight, Lauren Feuerstein, Mackenzie Graham, Kameron LaFontaine, Lauren Felder, and Raelyn Adam all scored a goal. Felder tallied two assists while Caroline Lagasse, Lumpkin, Middleton, Knight, Feuerstein, Adam, and Gabby Harris all recorded one assist.

The Lady Tigers also hosted Forest on Tuesday evening.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (8-7) defeated Crystal Springs 7-0 on Friday evening in first round playoff action in Class I. Scoring details were not available.

The Crescents traveled to Clarkdale on Tuesday for a second round game. The Crescents have advanced to at least the second round for the 20th time in program history.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks (14-3-2) also made quick work of McLaurin in the first round of the Class I state playoffs with a 11-0 victory. The Rocks were up 10-0 at halftime.

Oren Doxey scored a hat trick plus one in the first five minutes of the game. Richard Niolet added a hat trick while Mason Jacobi scored twice. Ethan Cuevas and Colin Lyons each scored once.

SSC head coach Zach Villarubia commented, “I was glad to see us take care of what we had to do to advance to the second round. Now, our focus must turn to who we play next.”

The Rocks are chasing their 13th state championship in the sport which is the most titles won by program in the sport in Mississippi history.

On Tuesday, the Rocks hosted Wesson in the second round.

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schedule. They have a chance to make the playoffs and that is a big step for the program. Success is defined as going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm. I am proud of them.”

The Lady Tigers (23-5, 8-0) picked up two wins last week to push their streak to 14 consecutive wins. The Lady Tigers recorded a 29-15 victory over Columbia and a 56-14 win against Poplarville on Senior Night. The Lady Tigers honored their seniors - Nakeria Coleman, Kayla Fricke, Taniyah Lewis, Kiara Burney, Kelis Vickers, and Delana Peters - prior to the game.

In the win over Poplarville, Fricke led the charge with 14 points followed by Burney with 11, Lewis 8, and Coleman with 8 points.

Thompson stated, “We were sluggish early offensively. Once we got a few stops and got some buckets in transition, we were able to find a groove. When we get focused, we can be pretty good. None of our girls were recognized for division honors, so they are motivated to make a point. All of the wins this year go away this week. We have to set the record straight to advance.”

The Tigers played an elimination game on Tuesday against Poplarville. The Lady Tigers are the #1-seed and are set to meet an undetermined team in the semi-finals tonight.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks dropped two games last week with

a 45-34 loss to West Harrison and a 51-31 decision to Harrison Central.

The Red Rebels held a 25-11 lead at intermission before cruising to the win in the second half.

Mike Washington led the Hawks (13-15) with 12 points.

Hancock head coach Connor Entriken commented, “We are in a good spot going forward as this is not a division game anymore. We have been on an up and down roller coaster as of late. We need to reconnect with our identity in the division tournament and start a new season. That change begins with me. We need to take one step at a time and make them positive steps.”

The Lady Hawks beat West Harrison 51-30 last week and ended the regular season with a 42-29 victory over Harrison Central.

The top-ranked Lady Hawks (25-1) held a slim 20-15 lead at halftime before surging in the fourth period for the win. Hancock went on a 7-0 run to close out the game with all seven scored by Brooklyn Cuevas.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco stated, “We had to get some early nerves out of the way. Once we settled down, we played very well. It wasn’t always pretty but it was a total team effort across the board. This game was about how hard they all play for the team and how much pride they have to finish strong.”

Cuevas led the Lady Hawks with 21 points followed by Talana Bond with 9 and Riley Bishop with 8 points.

The Hawks picked up a first round victory over

George County in the Region 4-6A tournament on Monday evening 60-33. Donte Taylor led Hancock with 16 points followed by Todd Dedeaux with 15 and Mike Washington with 14.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (1-18, 0-6) dropped a game with Tylertown last week 48-12.

The Crescents played an elimination game on Tuesday night in the Division 3A tournament against Perry Central.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks (12-11) dropped three games last to end their regular season. The Rocks fell to Perry Central 40-39 and Tylertown 66-32.

On Tuesday of last week, the Rocks dropped a close game with St. Patrick 47-43.

The Rocks were down 21-15 at halftime before making it a two-point game for most of the final frame.

SSC head coach Daniel Grieves commented, “This was our third game in four days. But this was a good test as we are about to get in a three-day tournament in the division next week. We will rest up and get prepared for the division tournament. Despite the loss, we played with tremendous attitude and work ethic. It is something we have not done all season.”

Paxton Debardeleben led the Rocks with 13 points followed by Levi Green with 9 points.

The Rocks are set to play St. Patrick in the division tournament tonight at 5 p.m.

Lady Tigers defeat Poplarville



Photo submitted
The Bay High Lady Tigers last week defeated Poplarville 56-14. The Lady Tigers are 8-0 in District play, and the number-one ranked team in the district.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jaylen Antoine
BAY HIGH



Kiara Burney
BAY HIGH



Oren Doxey
SAINT STANISLAUS



Carlie Lumpkin
BAY HIGH

BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Jaylen Antoine. Last week Antoine averaged 10.5 points and 7 rebounds in a 26-23 loss to Columbia and a 65-26 win over Poplarville on Senior Night on Friday.

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Kiara Burney. Last week Burney averaged 9 points, 3 assists, and 2 steals per game in a 29-15 win over Columbia and a 56-14 victory over Poplarville.

SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Oren Doxey. Last week Doxey tallied a hat trick plus one goal and three assists in the Rocks' 11-0 victory over McLaurin in the first round of the Class I state playoffs.

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Carlie Lumpkin. Last week Lumpkin scored two goals and one assist in the Lady Tigers' 10-0 win over Raymond in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.



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Six Valentine's Day traditions



Valentine's Day is a day of love nestled in the middle of February. Sweethearts use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show the people they care about just how deep those feelings run. A 2023 survey from the National Retail Federation found consumers expected to spend \$25.9 billion on Valentine's Day, up from \$23.9 billion in 2022. Forecasters suspect spending is like-

ly to increase this year as well. Valentine's Day is awash in many different customs. Here's a deep look at some of those enduring traditions and others that some may feel should be brought back into favor or adopted entirely. Handwritten cards It's a common scene each year in card retailers and pharmacies: people three-deep in the

aisle trying to pick out Valentine's Day cards in the eleventh hour. People can save themselves the hassle of fighting the crowds if they make their own handmade cards. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, sweethearts created unique cards from scratch, according to Country Living. And prior to products produced by Hallmark and other greeting card companies, people used to send one another cards customized with personalized messages. Pampering gentlemen It is common in North America for Valentine's Day celebrations to lean significantly toward favoring women, who are often on the receiving end of flowers and chocolates. However, in South Korea and Japan, it is the men who are pampered with such gifts. Women purchase chocolates for their male partners, family members and co-workers as tokens of appreciation and affection.

Never fear, a month later on White Day (March 14) men reciprocate with candy, cake and flowers. Bouquets These days a dozen long-stemmed red roses might be the norm for Valentine's Day gifting. However, roses weren't always the preferred flower for the holiday. History.com reports that, in the nineteenth century, bouquets might contain all sorts of flowers, each chosen to convey certain messages. Individuals can research the meanings behind certain flowers and put together a Valentine's Day gift this year that expresses exactly what they are feeling.

Puzzle purses Sweethearts in Victorian England created "puzzle purses," which were a series of love letters that could be read separately, but also fit together to create a design and message. These intricately folded sheets of paper had parts of messages or verses written on different corners and were meant to be read in a specific order. Heart-shaped chocolate boxes British chocolatier Richard Cadbury is credited with creating the first heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day. The boxes were intended to be so beautiful they would be kept to hold

trinkets or love letters. Ornate chocolate boxes are not quite as common today, although the gifting of chocolate for the holiday is still strong. Celebrating in June? Many Brazilians skip Valentine's Day in February and choose to celebrate Saint Anthony, the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking, on June 12. Celebrating both is fine for those who prefer to shower affection on loved ones multiple times a year. Valentine's Day traditions are still strong and can add a little something extra to celebrations this February.

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